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SUBJECT: ILO STRUCTURE

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1. IN BRIEF MEETING WITH QUAI'S ILO OFFICER FORTUIT JANUARY 24, EMBASSY MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS OFFICER MADE DEMARCHE IN FAVOR OF ESTABLISHING WORKING PARTY IN GENEVA ON ILO STRUCTURAL REFORM, PER REFTEL. FORTUIT SAID THAT UNTIL FOREIGN MINISTER GUIRINGAUD RETURNS FROM CURRENT VISIT TO CHINA, GOF WOULD NOT TAKE FINAL POSITIONS ON ILO STRUCTURAL REFORM, AND THEREFORE HE COULD NOT GIVE AUTHORITATIVE REPLY TO OUR DEMARCHE.

2. FORTUIT SAID FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA HAS INSTRUCTIONS TO BE RESERVED REGARDING DRAFT EC-9 PAPER ON ILO STRUCTURAL REFORM. THOSE INSTRUCTIONS DO NOT EXCLUDE AGREEING TO THE WORKING PARTY USG DESIRES, DEPENDING ON REACTION OF OTHER EC MEMBERS, FORTUIT CONCLUDED.

3. COMMENT: WHEN WE COMMUNICATED TO QUAI THE US COUNTERPROPOSALS ON ILO STRUCTURAL REFORM, FORTUIT
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SEEMED TO PREFER THEM TO THE EC-9 PROPOSALS; THIS WAS HIS PERSONAL REACTION ONLY HOWEVER, AND FRENCH POLICY FORMULATION REGARDING ILO IS COMPLICATED PROCESS. ON PURELY PROCEDURAL MATTERS, IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA HAS SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY TO BE ABLE TO AGREE TO OUR WORKING PARTY SUGGESTION.

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